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TRACK I

A. [REDACTED]

1. [REDACTED] continue to produce good propaganda materials from extensive press and TV coverage of reporting by assets returning from Santiago. Items were surfaced in [REDACTED]  
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2. Station reported that PCCh is planning methodical take over of press and other media through economic and worker pressures, with El Mercurio at the top of the list.

3. The Station has also received reports that the USSR plans to send a delegation to the inauguration and that the Soviet Ambassador has urged Chile to maintain Western relations and not become economically dependent on Communist countries.

B. Accomplishments:

The propaganda effort continues and interest in the Chilean situation remains high, despite the prolonged and intensive campaign already carried out. Santiago Station continues to provide timely reporting on the plans and activities of the PCCh.

C. Situation:

There has been no notable change in the political situation. The Allende forces continue to plan for victory and the PDC, PN and other parties wrestle with internal problems. Prospects for any united political force to off-set or counter Allende and the UP are not good at the moment, and, unless the disorganized democratic parties can pull themselves together, the UP may well have the political field to itself.

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